5/B

I hereby certify the Prince of the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Box Sequence, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, VA 22202 on May 14, 2002.

Frank C. Eisenschenk, Ph.D., Patent Attorney

PREL.IMINARY AMENDMENT Examining Group 1645 Patent Application Docket No. GEN-100D1 Serial No. 10/045,180

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner :

(Unassigned)

Art Unit

1645

Applicants

Lydie Bougueleret and Ilya Chumakov

Serial No.

10/045,180

Filed

October 18, 2001

Conf. No.

4857

For

Human Defensin Polypeptide Def-X, Genomic DNA and cDNA,

Composition Containing Them and Applications to Diagnosis and to

Therapeutic Treatment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Sequence Rules 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: